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**EVENT: Guilty Plea**

**Defendant: Natalia Odish**

**ROCHESTER HILLS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO HOAX**

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A Rochester Hills woman pleaded guilty today in federal court in Detroit to charges of making false statements to federal agents, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today. U.S. Attorney Murphy was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Pleading guilty was Natalia Odish, 33, of Rochester Hills, Michigan.

The facts presented to the court at the time of the plea established that in April of 2005, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were investigating a recorded telephone message that had been left at the British Petroleum Oil Refinery in Oregon, Ohio. The message stated that certain employees were "plotting some very bad terrorist activities towards the refinery." When questioned by FBI agents, Odish said that she did not leave the message, when in fact, she did leave the message.

"False reports of terrorism activity drain vital resources away from investigations of real threats, and therefore weaken the security of all. We will aggressively prosecute such hoaxes,

particularly when false allegations are made that appear to target members of the Middle Eastern community, as in this case," United States Attorney Murphy said.

Sentencing of Odish is currently set for August 27, 2007 at 2:00 pm before U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts.

The case was investigated by special agents of the FBI.